



ECONOMY AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 28 November 2024 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor E Siddall (Chair)

Councillors N Clarke, S Evans, P Hacking, I Huddlestone, K Kirkham, R McKeown (substitute for R Quinn), C Payne, P Roberts, G Scott and K Sizeland

In Attendance: Councillor(s) A McKeown and J Todd

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Quinn

25/27 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Evans declared an 'other' interest as a member of New Mills Town Council which has received UKSPF funding

Councillor Siddall declared an 'other' interest as a member of GlossFest which has received UKSPF funding

Councillor Todd declared an 'other' interest as a member of Buxton Bad Nauheim Twinning Association which has received UKSPF funding

25/28 ANY MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE

(Agenda Item 3)

None

25/29 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 19 September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

25/30 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

(Agenda Item 5)

The Chair advised that the next meeting will consider the outcome of the community engagement exercise around the Revitalising Buxton project.

Regarding the Glossop Halls project, the Leader confirmed that an update was being made to the next meeting of the Executive.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee Work Programme be noted.

25/31 UKSPF - PRESENTATION
(Agenda Item 6)

The Committee received a presentation around the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which provided a financial and programme overview, an overview by priority area and a summary of achievements to date with a spotlight on towns.

It was reported that up to 31 October 2024 that 95% of the programme budget has been allocated and around 42% defrayed, forecasted capital expenditure is 48% for the whole programme. The grant programme was reviewed and re-launched in July and new skills provision has been confirmed and is now in delivery via Derby University and Buxton & Leek College, and the closing dates for the final round of business granted was 10th November. Government has confirmed that there will be no mechanism to carry forward any UKSPF underspends into future years. Examples of funded projects were set out, including public realm, community events, active travel, community infrastructure, cost of living, business and skills and employment activity together with priority outcomes for each area.

Particular reference was made to an energy improvement scheme provided in partnership with HPBC and Alliance Norse to provide new LED lighting for Council housing stock which had been well received. Investment will also be made in infrastructure within town centres to enable fall to be monitored to provide key performance information. A further report will be made at the end of the funding year.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

25/32 ANY QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER (MEMBER SERVICES TO BE ADVISED OF ANY QUESTIONS AT LEAST 4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING)
(Agenda Item 7)

None

25/33 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there may disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

25/34 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

The meeting concluded at 7.28 pm

CHAIRMAN